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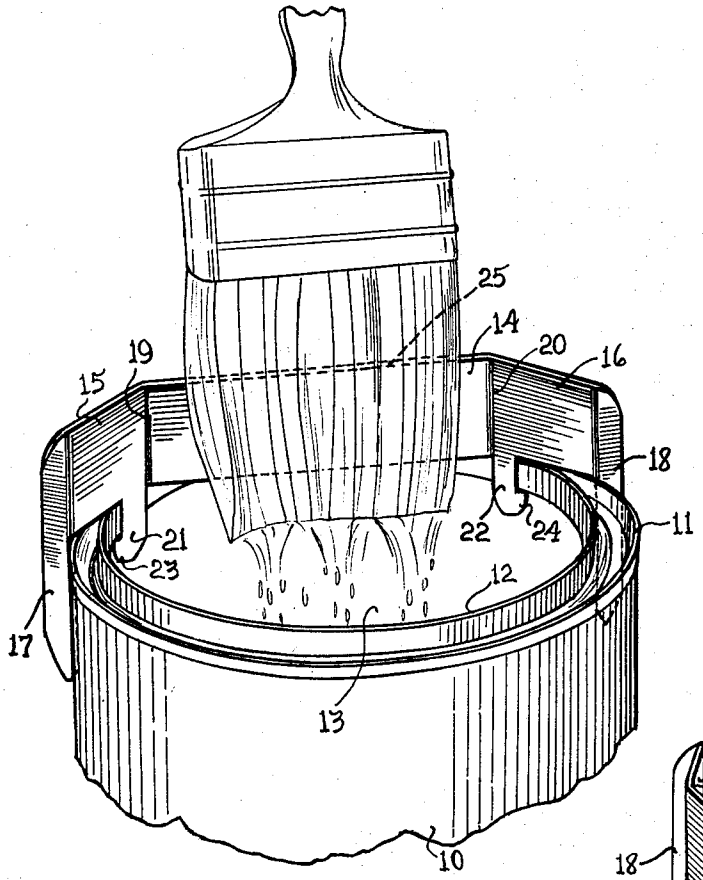


Fig. 1.

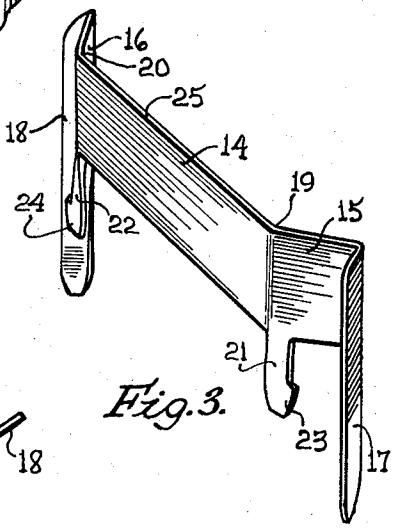


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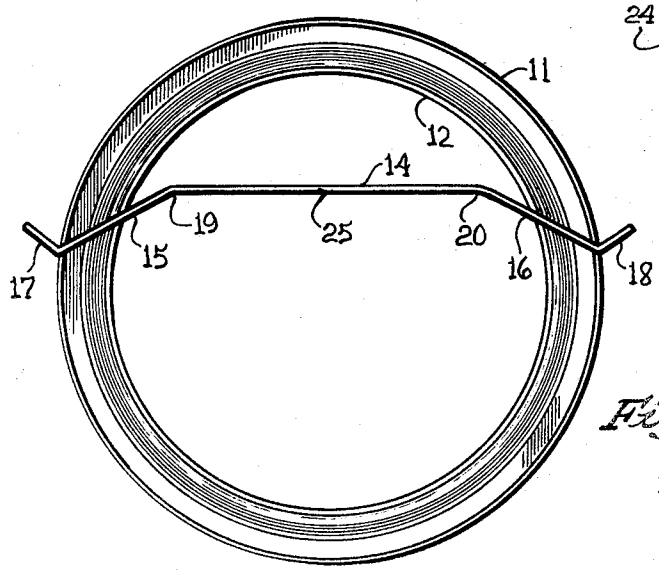


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in a brush scraper and shaper and has for its principal object a brush scraper and shaper attachment which is readily applied to the open top of a paint can or the like.

Another object of my invention is in the provision of a brush wiping attachment which when attached to the open end of a paint can will effectively remove excess paint or the like from the brush when it is withdrawn from the can.

Still another object of my invention is in the provision of a paint brush scraper and shaper which can be readily applied to cans of various sizes.

Yet another and equally important object of my invention is in the provision of a device of this character which when placed upon a can or the like will be held against accidental displacement therefrom during the brush scraping and shaping operation.

Other objects will appear hereinafter.

The invention consists in the novel combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter described and claimed.

The invention will be best understood by reference to the accompanying drawings showing the preferred form of construction, and in which

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of my improved paint brush scraper and shaper when applied to a paint can or the like;

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the paint brush scraper and shaper when applied to a paint can or the like; and

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of my paint brush scraper and shaper.

Referring to Fig. 1 I show my improved paint brush scraper and shaper in its applied position with respect to a paint can **10** or the like which can provides upwardly extending circular flange members **11** and **12** which encircle and describe the open top **13** thereof.

My improved paint brush scraper and shaper comprises an elongated cross bar **14** having diverging end portions **15** and **16**. These diverging end portions **15** and **16** terminate into laterally extending outside depending legs **17** and **18**.

At the lines of junction **19** and **20** between the elongated cross bar **14** and the diverging end portions **15** and **16** and extending downwardly from the end portions **15** and **16**, I provide inside legs **21** and **22**. Each of these inside legs **21** and **22** provide at their extremities downwardly extending hook members **23** and **24** respectively.

The arrangement of parts hereinabove described, comprise a paint brush scraper and shaper that is readily attachable to paint cans of various sizes. In so attaching my improved paint brush scraper and shaper, the upwardly extending circular flanges **11** and **12** are projected between the outside depending legs **17** and **18** and the inside legs **21** and **22**. The paint brush scraper and shaper is then moved transversely with respect to the longitudinal axis of the paint can in a manner that the hook portions **23** and **24** of the inside legs **21** and **22** will engage the under side of the peripheral edge of the opening of the can **10**. Such a position is shown in Figs. 1 and 2. The rectangular cross bar **14** is provided with a scraper and shaper edge **25** across which the brush is adapted to be wiped. This movement will remove the excess paint from such brush and at the same time have the bristles thereof shaped into proper relationship with respect to each other. The junction between the rectangular cross bar **14** and the diverging end portions **15** and **16** provide a corner into which ends of the paint brush may likewise be scraped and shaped.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. A brush scraper and shaper for paint cans comprising an elongated flat strip of material, said strip having at each end thereof diverging end portions with the extremities thereof bent laterally with respect thereto and providing depending outside legs, said diverging end portions adjacent their line of junction with said strip providing depending inside legs spaced from said outside legs and adapted to embrace therebetween the top contour of said paint can to vertically dispose said strip in spanning relation to the open top thereof.

2. A brush scraper and shaper for paint cans comprising an elongated flat strip of material, said strip having at each end thereof diverging end portions with the extremities thereof bent laterally with respect thereto and providing depending outside legs, said diverging end portions adjacent their line of junction with said strip providing depending inside legs spaced from said outside legs and adapted to embrace therebetween the top contour of said paint can to vertically dispose said strip in spanning relation to the open top thereof, and means provided by said depending inside legs for preventing vertical displacement of said brush scraper and shaper from said paint can.

3. A brush scraper and shaper for paint cans comprising an elongated flat strip of material, said strip having at each end thereof diverging end portions with the extremities thereof bent laterally with respect thereto and providing depending outside legs, said diverging end portions adjacent their line of junction with said strip providing depending inside legs spaced from said outside legs and adapted to embrace therebetween the top contour of said paint can to vertically dispose said strip in spanning relation to the open top thereof, said depending inside legs provided with lateral extensions extending in a parallel plane with respect to said diverging end portions for preventing displacement of said brush scraper and shaper from said paint can.

4. A brush scraper and shaper for paint cans comprising an elongated flat strip of material, said strip having at each end thereof diverging end portions with the extremities thereof bent laterally with respect thereto and providing depending outside legs, said diverging end portions adjacent their line of junction with said strip providing depending inside legs spaced from said outside legs and adapted to embrace therebetween the top contour of said paint can to vertically dispose said strip in spanning relation to the open top thereof, said depending inside legs provided with laterally extending hook portions for engagement with a portion of said can to prevent displacement of said brush scraper and shaper therefrom.

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